SUBJECT No. 144.

Establishment of grain banks.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantiah, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There are already two grain banks in the State. During the harvest time people store up grain and at other times the grain is lent to the members. During the harvest time they return them with interest of 25 per cent in kind. The advantage of this ought to be popularised and the Government should be pleased to take some shares in these banks as a kind of encouragement till people come to see the benefits of these banks.

Mr. Ramanna suggested the storing of larger quantities of ragi in selected places as a kind of grain reserve, as ragi keeps in good condition for 40 years.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies will pay attention to the establishment of grain banks wherever the conditions are suitable and favorable for such institutions.

SUBJECT No. 145.

Village patels as stamp vendors.

Messrs. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk; and H. C. Subba Rao, Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that patels paying a *kandayam* of Rs. 30 and upwards may be appointed stamp vendors. This may be tried in one or two taluks as an experimental measure. This will prevent the execution of unstamped documents and will be convenient to the ryots. The patels may be supplied with stamp papers on credit. Stamps of the value of Re. 1, as. 8, and as. 4 may be supplied.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao.—The arrangement, if given effect to, will lead to much mischief and will facilitate the fabrication of false documents.

Messrs. Ramanna and Dasappa also spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—If patels apply for licenses for vending stamps, the matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 146.

Adhesive stamps of various colours to be introduced.

Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The uniform colour now used for all revenue stamps does not help the illiterate people in knowing their value at sight. Stamps may therefore be caused to be manufactured in different colours, a separate colour being used for stamp of each value.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

EXCISE.

(Nos. 147 to 153.)

SUBJECT No. 147.

(1) Abolition of tree tax on *bagani* trees.

(2) Right of tapping *bagani* trees on private holdings to be given to holders of land.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Note.—Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya said that the report of the committee appointed to consider these questions might be awaited, and withdrew the subject.